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SENATOR GOODRICH: Ok. The second question, Senator Chambers, is ... I presume you're aware of the fact that the Omaha policeman that you were talking about is out of business and no longer a pawnbroker in Omaha.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: He may be out of business as a pawnbroker, but he still may be fencing, if he's not fenced in now. No, he's gone to his reward, so he is out of business.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Now the third question, Senator Chambers, is are you aware, I presume you are -- I just want to make sure, that the City Council in Omaha has been dealing with this particular subject for about a year and a half themselves, and that they completely rewrote the ordinances in Omaha dealing with pawnbrokers and the regulation thereof. The actual question then is ... and I frankly haven't gotten my answer yet. I wrote for an answer to the question of how does this bill coincide with the city ordinances of Omaha as they have been amended, relative to ... is this going to conflict with them? What I'm concerned with, since they did go through this whole procedure in Omaha and since that's the only place that I know of where there are pawnbrokers, with the possible exception of Lincoln they might have one still in business. Are we going to be saying one thing when the ordinances, in Omaha, are saying a different thing? I've written this question to the City Attorney in Omaha. I haven't gotten my answer yet. You may have done this very same thing already and gotten an answer. Have you in other words?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No. Senator Goodrich, this would be a regulation at the state level to deal with pawnbrokers who exist now, or who may come to exist in the future. There may be one who would like to set up some place else. In case he was in a location where a city had not enacted an ordinance, there is a state regulation. That's what the purpose of this is. It was not drawn to say cities of the metropolitan size or class.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Would you then object to us holding this bill until Wednesday or sometime when we can get the answer back from the City Attorney of Omaha as to what this would do to the ordinances of Omaha ... that the City of Omaha have come up with and have adopted?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'll tell you why I would object. I'm going to wind up with a number of bills on General File that I'll have to deal with at the same time. Like we always say, if the bill can move then there will be other points along the way where the bill itself can be dealt with. Now if you want to vote to move it, then when it gets to Select File bracket it for ... not an unreasonable time to defeat the bill. I'm not opposed to that, cause whatever can be done

SENATOR GOODRICH: About a week, or something like that?